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Oh, What a Wonderful Time Homecoming Celebrates Class of 1951

America had survived the Great Depression. World War II had just ended. The GI Bill meant new opportunities for war-weary veterans.



PHOTO BY MIKE MORGAN

Maryland alumni Ollie Ensor and his wife, Helene, look forward to next weekend's homecoming festivities.

It is in this climate that the university's class of '51 began its post-secondary education.

"It was really a wonderful time to go to school," says Ollie Ensor, who earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's in 1960, also in education. "You had people from poor families who never thought they'd have a chance to go to college. It was a fun time."

Ensor and many of his fellow alumni will gather on the campus next weekend for homecoming activities celebrating their years at Maryland. To help ensure a large turnout, he made nearly 300 phone calls to former classmates encouraging them attend the festivities.

"I did it out of my loyalty to the school and to see my friends. I knew a lot of people," he says. "I worked in the dining hall, I'm in a frater-

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Bringing Opportunities to Students' Front Doors

Academically talented upper-classmen looking for a more fulfilling campus experience need look no further than Beyond the Classroom (BTC). Not a destination, Beyond the Classroom Living & Learning Community is a program designed to connect students with resources and each other.

Her job is less than three months old, but already program director Jeanne Steffes has big plans for BTC. She wants to provide access to on- and off-campus research, information about internships and opportunities for community service. Students design an instructional program including activities from all three areas.

"I want to connect students to something of value; each other, an academic path, resources," said Steffes, who comes to the Office of Undergraduate Studies department from Northwestern, where she worked with faculty programs. Steffes finished her doctorate in education, policy and leadership at Maryland last May.

Though students in established living and learning communities, such as Gemstone and College Park Scholars, have gone through a selection process, they must apply to be in BTC. The application process was an essay explaining why

they wanted to be a part of this program, said Steffes. For this past year, anyone who applied through the Resident Life lottery process was eligible to be part of the program.

More than 300 of the 451 residents of Building One of South Campus Commons, where BTC



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Beyond the Classroom Program
Director Jeanne Steffes

is based, are participants. Another 300 or so who live in other dormitories also take part in the new initiative. An official building dedication ceremony was held last Friday, but work at BTC began not long after residents began moving in on Aug. 23. Interest sessions were held to gauge what students were

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Building a Network of Like Minded People

To call it an organization may sound too official, and the term network comes off a bit too formal, but the Returning Peace Corps Volunteers is a loosely organized group of people at the University of Maryland whose common interest is the Peace Corps.

Approximately 90 people are part of a database in the RPCV. The group formed in 1997 to help with Peace Corps recruitment. The recruiter at the time was only on campus about once a week, and there wasn't much of a Peace Corps presence at the university, said Elizabeth McGovern, director of global initiatives for the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership. The RPCVs, made up of faculty



PHOTO BY LAURA LEE

Elizabeth McGovern, RPCV coordinator and Peace Corps campus representative, works a table at last week's career fair.

and graduate students, help recruit prospective volunteers and share their experiences in the Peace Corps.

They also network with each other.

"We thought this was such a great campus; it seems natural this would be an opportunity students would want to take," McGovern said.

Since the development and growth of RPCV, the number of active Maryland volunteers has more than doubled. There are 108 volunteers working around the world now and 30 percent of Maryland's volunteers are minority students (the Peace Corps averages 15 percent minority representation).

McGovern has become the point person for the Peace Corps at the university and she works closely

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Center for Young Children Reopens

Nancy Hey, associate director of the university's Center for Young Children, had four minutes to get approximately 30 people to a safe place before the tornado that hit College Park two weeks ago touched down near her building.

"My husband called me from home to tell me," said Hey. "I asked the aide at the front desk to tell everyone up front to take cover. I ran around and told everyone else in the center to take cover."

Last Wednesday, the center reopened.

During the tornado, parents and their children crouched under built-in tables inside of the center's observation booths that are built between each pair of classrooms. When the wind died down, Hey stepped into the center's Great Room and found glass and debris from the room's second floor windows everywhere.

"I went to check on everyone. There were no injuries."

Hey commented on the calm of the children. She credits their resiliency for getting them through the scary time.

Campus police moved the group to Elkton's basement. Damage in nearby Easton dormitory forced the group to Hagerstown's basement. "Then we went to the locker rooms at the recreation center," said Hey. It was 9 p.m. before they received an all-clear to go home.

"But we couldn't get our



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Back at the center for the first time in more than a week, children enjoy afternoon recess with the added attraction of bulldozers and big trucks.

cars." Hey spent the night at a nearby Quality Inn and returned to the center the next morning. After police took photos of her car, she was allowed to drive it back to her Rockville neighborhood.

Located between Lot 2 and the Denton Community, the childcare and kindergarten facility suffered severe structural damage. Outside, all of the sod and sand needed to be replaced because of glass and debris. Playground equipment and some fencing also needed to be replaced.

Hey said Beth Warner, a clinical psychologist and assistant director of the Counseling Center, normally comes once a week to talk with the children. She's been scheduling more hours at the center to help staff and children talk about the incident. One little

boy brought his toolkit to school so he could help fix it. A few are still shaken.

"One little boy's mom said that whenever it rains, he thinks a tornado automatically comes," said Hey.

She, too, is a bit jittery. She purchased a radio for her office and bought extra flashlights for the center. And she received a reminder in the mail recently of the tornado's tremendous force and reach.

"A form from the center came in an unmarked envelope with a postmark from Randallstown—that's north of Baltimore. A note said the form was found on a corner. It was from our shed, which was destroyed. The shed stored our trikes, scooters and archives," said Hey. "The person saw our address on [the form] and mailed it back."

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: OCTOBER 9-16

TUESDAY

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12 noon, Author Lecture and Book Signing: Harvey Meyerson Lecture Room D, National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road. "Nature's Army: When Soldiers Fought for Yosemite." For more information and to make reservations, call (202) 208-7345.

3-4:30 p.m., Community Service-Learning Town Meeting Prince George's Room, Stamp Student Union. For more information, contact Megan Cooperman at 5-0741 or msussman@accmail.umd.edu, or visit www.umd.edu/csp.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: Probing The New Frontier Of Materials With The Near-Field Microwave Microscope 1410 Physics. With Steven Anlage, associate professor of physics, University of Maryland. For more information, call 5-5945.

WEDNESDAY

october 10

8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Short-course Training: Intro to MS Access 4404 Computer & Space Science. The fee is \$90. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

10 a.m.-1p.m., Inventors Seminar: Creative Thoughts from Successful Inventors on the Technology-Innovation Process Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

12-1 p.m., Are You Ready to Quit Smoking? Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

12-1 p.m., Research and Development Presentation: Asian American Studies Program and Asian American Students On Campus 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Building. With Seung-Kyung Kim, associate professor, Women's Studies and affiliate associate professor, Anthropology. All interested are invited. For more information, contact Vivian Boyd, Counseling Center director, at 4-7675.

12:30-2 p.m., IRIS Brown Bag Series: Does Corrup-

tion Delay Trade Reform? 1101 Morrill Hall. It has been famously conjectured that in the presence of inefficient rules and regulations, corruption might "grease" the wheels of commerce and improve welfare. Omar Azfar will discuss a paper in which he and Young Lee provide evidence that in the case of international trade, corruption contributes to the persistence of these restrictions. For more information, contact Jennifer Munro at 5-3721 or jenniferm@iris.econ.umd.edu, or visit www.iris.umd.edu.

3 p.m., Art Department Fall 2001 Lecture Series West Gallery, Art-Sociology Building. Rodney Greenblatt, a Maryland native and director of the Center for Advanced Whimsy, is a painter, sculptor, author, illustrator and designer of video action games. For more information, contact Claudia Mc-Monte at McMonte2@aol.com.

6-8 p.m., Netscape Page Composer: Making Web Pages the Easy Way 4404 Computer & Space Science. Introductory class. Prerequisite: basic Web browsing ability. \$10 for students/GAs, \$20 for faculty/staff and \$25 for alumni. For more information, contact Carol Warrington at 5-2938 or cwpost@umd5.umd.edu. Or visit www.oit.umd.edu/pt.

7-8:15 p.m., Where All the Latinos At?! 0106 Francis Scott Key. A workshop and presentation on leadership and activism in the Latino community and how to make a change. For more information, contact Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority Inc. at 4-4890 or SLU_Upsilon@hotmail.com. Or visit www.sigmalambdaupsilon.org.

7-10 p.m., Community Police Academy—Session 4 2141 Patapsco Building. The Department of Public Safety sponsors its fourth session of the highly acclaimed 8-week academy starting this evening. For more information, contact Sgt. Christopher Jagoe at 5-0539 or cjagoe@umpd.umd.edu, or visit www.umpd.umd.edu.

THURSDAY

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12-1 p.m., Resiliency in Tough Times Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

12-1:15 p.m., Love and Violence: Personal and Cultural Narratives of Violent Heterosexual Relationships 0200 Skinner Building. With Julia T. Wood, professor and director of graduate studies in the Communication Studies Department at the University of North Carolina. Part of the Communication Department Centennial Colloquium Series. For more information, contact Trevor Parry-Giles at tp54@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.comm.umd.edu.

12-2 p.m., Building Interdisciplinary Connections at the Intersections of Race, Gender and Ethnicity 0105 St. Mary's Hall (Multipurpose Room, Language House). With Lynn Eber of the University of South Carolina, giving a talk entitled "Methodological Approaches to Intersections." Sponsored by the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity, directed by Bonnie Dill Thornton of Women's Studies. For more information, call 5-2931.

4-5 p.m., Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

4-6 p.m., AGNR Alumni Chapter Welcome Bash Animal Sciences Complex. Alumni, students, faculty and staff are welcome. Hear from the dean and associate deans of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, followed by a televised watch of the Maryland vs. Georgia Tech football game. For more information, contact Gail Yeiser at 5-2434 or gy6@umail.umd.edu.

FRIDAY

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8 a.m.-3 p.m., Graduate School Fair Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Conference: The Interest Group Connection Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union. Top academics from around the nation will examine the growing role of interest groups across all political sectors. The keynote speaker is Al From, founder and CEO of the Democratic Leadership Council. The DLC, representing moderate democrats, has become the dominant faction in the Democratic Party and played a major role in shift-

Cuisine and Culture—today!

Come join the International Student Council (ISC) at the International Lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 9 on Hornbake Mall at 12 p.m. Sample food from around the world, including Indian, German, Italian, Russian, Chinese, Iranian and more. Sit outside and enjoy your lunch while listening to music and entertainment. Food prices vary. For more information, contact Max Musil, ISC president, at maxxyy@hotmail.com.

ing the national political agenda in the 1990s. Conference sessions cover the connections between interest groups, campaign spending and the three major branches of government. Sponsored by the Center for American Politics and Citizenship. RSVP to srichman@capc.umd.edu by Oct. 10. For more information, call 5-9968.

SATURDAY

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10 a.m.-12 p.m., First time Homebuyers Seminar Stamp Student Union. Join the Young Alumni Club and a panel of experts, including a representative from the Fannie Mae Foundation, who will discuss the process of buying your first home. The cost is \$15 for Alumni Association members, \$20 non-members (breakfast included). For more information, contact Llatetra Brown at 3-2728, ext. 11 or LB166@umail.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Free Concert: New Millennium Ensemble Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. One of America's top contemporary music ensembles performs Olivier Messiaen's "Quatuor pour la fin du temps" and a work by Morton Feldman. Part of the new music festival "Music of Our Time: A Discovery Series," sponsored by the School's Theory & Composition Division. For more information, visit www.umd.edu/music/calendar or call 5-ARTS.

MONDAY

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2 p.m., Control and Dynamical Systems Invited Lecture Series: Modeling and Control of Thin Film Deposition 2460 A.V. Williams Building. With Martha Gallivan, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Control and Dynamical Systems at Caltech. One of a continuing series of lectures on current topics pertinent to control and dynamical systems. For more information, visit www.isr.umd.edu/Labs/ISL/events.html.

4 p.m., Seminar on Anti-Rent Riots in 19th-Century New York 1102 Francis Scott Key Hall. Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

4-5:30 p.m., Suche Newes as on the Quenes Hye Ways We Have Mett: The

News and Intelligence Networks of Elizabeth Talbot, Countess of Shrewsbury (c.1527-1608) 0135 Taliaferro Hall. With James Daybell, research fellow in history, University of Reading, UK. Co-sponsored by the Department of English and the Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies. For more information, contact Karen Nelson at kn15@umail.umd.edu or Marshall Grossman at mg76@umail.umd.edu.

TUESDAY

october 16

12:30 p.m., Works-in-Progress Series 0135 Taliaferro Hall. Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

3 p.m., President's Awards Memorial Chapel. Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: Probing The Nucleon With Electron Scattering 1410 Physics. With Elizabeth Beise, associate professor of physics, Univ. of Maryland. For more information, call 5-5945.

4-6 p.m., Racial Roots and Tensions Nyumburu Cultural Center. Details in For Your Interest, page 4.

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Homecoming: Fifty Years

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nity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I was in the men's glee club, a tenor soloist."

He credits Harry Clifton "Curley" Byrd, president of the university from 1935-54, with helping create a welcoming, supportive environment for students. Ensor also feels Byrd's vision moved Maryland from "a little cow college" to a university of note.

"It seemed to break forth after the war," said Ensor, who also served as director of men's housing from 1958-61. "We had a good group."

The group included former U.S. Sen. Joe Tydings and Hugh Newell Jacobsen, the award-win-

ning architect of the new alumni center, both of whom will be on campus. Tydings will speak at the Class of 1951 Emeritus Luncheon on Oct. 19 and Jacobsen will speak during the cocktail reception and dinner later that evening.

Ensor, whose wife and four children are all Maryland alumni, doesn't consider all of his phone work for the Alumni Association to be a big deal. It's the least he could do.

"Many of the class have given large gifts. People remember what the university did for them," he said. "This is payback for all the things the university did for me."

Other Homecoming Highlights

Thursday, Oct. 18 Alumni College

"The Best of Times: America in the Clinton Years," a talk by Philip Merrill College of Journalism faculty members and Pulitzer Prize winners David Broder and Haynes Johnson.

6 p.m., Reception

7 p.m., Program

\$15 for Alumni Association members, \$25 for non-members. Contact Stephanie Tadlock at (301) 403-2728, ext. 14 or 800-336-8627, or stadlock@accmail.umd.edu.

Saturday, Oct. 20 Homecoming Alumni Band Reunion

8 a.m. Registration (also available on Friday at 7 p.m.)

9 a.m. Field practice at the John E. Wakefield Band Room, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

Play along with the Mighty

Sound of Maryland during the pre-game performance and timeouts. Contact Marianne Kassabian '90, (301) 210-4972 or mkassab@landover.com, or visit www.umd.edu/bands/alumni.

Annual Homecoming Festival

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Picnic area outside of Tyser Tower entrance to Byrd Stadium. Rain or shine.

Enjoy live music, free food and beverages, see real terrapin turtles, receive free gifts for alumni association members, participate in a tailgate competition and more. Contact Lori Hill '89 at (301) 403-2728, ext. 12, or 800-336-8627, or LH110@umail.umd.edu.

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.alumni.umd.edu, or contact Lori Hill at (301) 403-2728, ext. 12, or 800-336-8627 or LH110@umail.umd.edu.

Beyond: Coming Together

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looking for in the program. A detailed survey went to all members of the program to assess what kinds of research, internship and community service opportunities students wanted. Based on feedback from the interest meetings, topics in the survey included apartment cooking, the law school application process, establishing good credit and job-hunting skills. Steffes envisions BTC as an active, people-focused clearinghouse for information with a Web-based component so that students can help themselves as well.

To help shape the program, Steffes enlisted a steering committee, an advisory council, a programming council and a student council. She wants input from all parts of the campus, but mainly students because they are the focus of the effort.

The idea of living and learning programs, said Steffes, is not new. Since the early '70s, universities have tried to attract and

retain honor students. At Maryland, the James MacGregor Burns Academy of Leadership's Nance Lucas started the first such community for those interested in public service, said Steffes. Living and learning communities offer freshmen and sophomore students access to tenured faculty and help make a large university seem much smaller. However, many upper-classmen felt a void after the two-year programs ended, said Steffes. BTC seeks to fill that void for students at Maryland.

Steffes is excited about Beyond the Classroom's potential, in part because the student participants will help shape what it will become. The Web site will be filled with contacts for professional and personal fulfillment opportunities that are the result of student feedback. Steffes looks forward to the fun as well as the work.

"This is bringing everything together," she said.

New Computing Partnership Promises Progress for University, IBM

The University of Maryland recently announced the launch of a Center for Scientific Computation and Mathematical Modeling, a new high performance computing partnership with the Deep Computing Institute of IBM, and an applied mathematics and scientific computation graduate program.

"Through Maryland's work in biology, computer science, earth science, mathematics and the physical sciences, we are already a regional leader in scientific computation and mathematical modeling," said

Steve Halperin, dean of the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Science. "With this program, Maryland will quickly become a national leader in new technological areas that stand at the critical interface between scientific disciplines and high end computing," he said.

James Drake, professor of physics and interim director of the university's new center, says research will focus on the real-world scientific problems for which computation is critical.

"Scientific computation is central to investigations ranging from the dynamics of complex systems such as weather, to computer visualization and recognition technologies and the analysis of large data sets like those created by earth imaging satellites," Drake said. "Center work will cover all these areas, with initial focus on three high-visibility science problems: weather and climate forecasting, the dynamics of astrophysical magnetic fields and protein folding.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Bill Pulleyblank, William Destler and James Drake stand in front of the new IBM parallel processing supercomputer for the Center for Scientific Computation and Mathematical Modeling.

"The campus has recognized expertise in these fields, with a number of scientists of international stature," Drake said. "In each case, the center will pool expertise both on campus and through national and international collaborations, enabling faculty to make important advances on the forefront problems in these areas."

IBM is supporting the new center through one of the company's Shared University Research (SUR) awards. The award is in the form of \$1.2 million in high performance computing equipment, primarily an IBM parallel processing supercomputer. The machine is IBM's SP with a 32 processor configuration and a 2.4 terabyte (TB) data storage system. Through the center, Maryland and IBM will collaborate on algorithm development for parallel architectures and science applications. This joint project will focus on three areas: performance optimization and testing of state-of-the-art science application

codes for advanced parallel architectures, Earth science data assimilation and protein structure and function.

"IBM places great value on the long-term relationship we have with the University of Maryland," said Bill Pulleyblank, director, Exploratory Server Systems and director of IBM's Deep Computing Institute. "The area of deep computing holds much promise in addressing critical issues facing our society today, and we look forward to working with the faculty and students on joint research projects to improve our fundamental understanding of the world around us and possibly improve the quality of our lives."

"The SUR program has for years been the focus of a strong relationship between the university and IBM," said Halperin. "Joint projects have ranged from information security through e-business and netcentricity to digital libraries. We are very grateful for IBM's vital support through this wonderful gift."

"The rapid growth over the past quarter century in the speed and data handling capability of high performance computers has transformed the methodology of scientific investigation," said Drake. "Computing has not only joined experiment and theory as one of the fundamental tools of investigation, it has altered the kind of experiment that is performed and expanded the scope of theory."

"Through its new center we believe that Maryland will play an instrumental role in future rapid advances in computational science and mathematical modeling, and in the use of these tools to advance scientific knowledge and to improve the quality of people's lives."

Peace Corps: Sharing the Experience

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with Rebecca Trimble, the regional recruiter, as well as with campus offices such as Community Service Programs, Study Abroad, International Affairs and the Career Center. She said many of the RPCVs have found ways to educate their students by using their Peace Corps experiences.

Anne Pitsch, an RPCV who is the conflict management coordinator of University of Maryland/National University of Rwanda Partnership, gives classroom presentations on her experiences in the Peace Corps in Montenia. She said that she gives students a realistic idea of the experience and tells them the hard part isn't necessarily adjusting to living without running water, but dealing with cultural differences and feelings of isolation.

"People in the United States need to go outside of themselves and get perspective on people in other countries. It's really important," she said. "[Talking about it] helps spread the word about Peace Corps and what benefits you get from it, what you can give to other people, and what you can do with that experience after you leave."

Dave Theison, an RPCV who spent three and a half years in the mid '70s in Fiji, said he doesn't miss a chance to share his experiences with his upper level students. An astronomy professor, Theison said he sets aside time to give his 'Peace Corps commercial' every semester.

"It's an enormously valuable experience for a young person to go through," Theison said.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, the university will host Peace Corps Day in the Prince George's Room of the Stamp Student Union. For more information call Elizabeth McGovern at or (301) 405-3860 or visit www.academy.umd.edu/education/peacecorps.

He added that the many volunteers learn just as much about themselves and America as they work in different communities.

"One of the Peace Corps goals was not just to serve in the country you were assigned to, but to bring your learnings back home," McGovern said. "It was an exchange."

For Your Interest



International House Coffee Hour

Join the International House every Wednesday afternoon for International Coffee Hour in the basement lounge of Dorchester Hall. Free coffee and snacks are served from 3-4:30 p.m., sponsored by International Education Services. For more information, call Jody Heckman at 4-7742.

President's Awards

University President Dan Mote is pleased to announce the recipients of the President's Awards, to be presented at the Faculty and Staff Convocation on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. in Memorial Chapel.

The recipient of the President's Medal will be Irwin Goldstein, Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. The recipients of the President's Distinguished Services Awards will be: Jan Davidson, Resident Life; Ken Krouse, Chief of Police; William McLean, Academic Affairs; Maureen Meyer, Engineering; Robert Stumpff, Building and Landscape Services; and Laura Willesen, Facilities Maintenance.

For more information, contact Sapienza Barone at (301) 405-5790 or sbarone@deans.umd.edu.

Gymkana's Saturday Gymnastics Program

Gymkana's Saturday Program provides a wholesome opportunity for young boys and girls of all abilities to learn gymnastics while at the same time stressing healthy drug-free living without the pressure of competition. The program runs over an eight week interim through the winter months and begins Saturday, Oct. 13. There are three classes for various ages and experience levels, held in the Health and Human Performance Building. The cost is \$135 and there is a discount for enrollment in multiple classes. For more information contact Scott Welsh or Josh Montfort at (301) 405-2566.

Inventors Seminar

Faculty, staff and students are invited to the seminar "Creative Thoughts from Successful Inventors on the Technology-Innovation Process." James A. Poulos, III, executive director, Office of Technology Commercialization, and Chuan Liu, vice president and dean, Research and Graduate Studies, will provide welcome remarks. The presenters are Robert Fischell, founder, NeuroPace, Inc. (he has been awarded more than 100 U.S. patents in the medical arts field); Fred Wellstood, associate professor, physics (he has developed multiple inventions and has been awarded three U.S. patents; also, several of his technologies have been licensed to industry); and Doug Goldhush, patent attorney, Arent Fox (expert on the legal aspects of inventorship).

The seminar is limited to 50 attendees; it is free and lunch will be provided. RSVP.

The seminar will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in 0100 Marie Mount Hall. For more information, contact the Office of Technology Commercialization at (301) 403-2711 ext. 10 or otc@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.otc.umd.edu.

Resiliency in Tough Times

Feeling a little frazzled after the tragedies this fall? Tom Ruggieri and Joan Bellsey of the Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) say, don't worry, you are not alone. The counselors emphasize that it is important to take care of ourselves during these stressful times. Take an hour out of your busy schedule to attend a presentation/discussion on "Staying Resilient in Tough Times" at the CRC in Room 0121 (Center for Health and Wellbeing). These workshops, all held from 12-1 p.m., will be presented by Ruggieri and Bellsey. The remaining sessions are: Thursday, Oct. 11; Tuesday, Oct. 16 and Tuesday, Oct. 23.

For more information, call the FSAP at (301) 314-8170 or the center at (301) 314-1493.

Works-in-Progress Series

Professor Frank Hildy of the Department of Theatre will discuss his work "The Oldest Theatre in Spain, The Corral de Comedias at Almagro." The presentation is the semester's first event in the Works-in-Progress series, sponsored by the Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies. This monthly series offers a forum for scholars on campus to share their most current research on the early modern period. This month's discussion will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the CRBS Conference Room, 0135 Taliaferro Hall. Please plan to bring your lunch. The center will provide coffee and dessert.

For further information, contact Adele Seeff, Director, Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies, 5-6830.

Be a Quitter!

This four-part, small group smoking cessation class is designed to engage participants in healthy and effective tobacco cessation practices. Participants will identify and develop smoke-free ways to cope with pressures and cravings to use tobacco. Traditional and non-traditional methods for quitting will be examined and individualized cessation plans will be developed. Special topics such as weight control and techniques for coping with relapse will also be discussed.

The class will take place from 12-1 p.m. in 2101 Health

Center beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 10. There is a registration fee of \$20. For more information, contact at Kelly Dolan at (301) 314-8123 or 314-8128 or dolan@health.umd.edu, or visit www.umd.edu/health.

Racial Roots & Tensions

Sociologist and professor William Julius Wilson will present a talk entitled "The Roots of Racial Tensions: Urban Ethnic Neighborhoods" from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Nyumburu Cultural Center. The lecture is part of the yearlong Center for Education Policy and Leadership Colloquium Series "Diversity and Community in American Life," sponsored by the College of Education's Department of Education Policy and Leadership.

Wilson is the Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor at Harvard University, the highest professional distinction for a Harvard faculty member.

The lecture is free. For more information, contact Steven Selden, Department of Education Policy and Leadership, at ss22@umail.umd.edu.

Anti-Rent Mobs in 19th-Century New York

The Center for Historical Studies announces the second seminar in its 2001-02 series on political violence. David Grimsted, Department of History, will present a paper entitled "Riots by Those Who Worked Against Those Who Took: New York's Anti-Rent Mobs, American Capitalism, and Jacksonian Politics, 1839-1860." Grimsted is the author of "American Mobbing, 1828-1861: Toward Civil War," which was published by Oxford University Press in 1998. Charles W. McCurdy, professor of history at the University of Virginia, will serve as commentator.

The seminar will be held on Monday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. in 1102 Francis Scott Key Hall (Dean's Conference Room), with refreshments served at 3:30. Discussion will be based on a pre-circulated paper, available in the History Department office, 2115 Key. For more information, contact Stephen Johnson at (301) 405-8739 or historycenter@umail.umd.edu.

Graduate School Fair

The Graduate School, the University Honors Programs and the Campus Wide Recruitment Committee will host a one-day Graduate School Fair on Friday, Oct. 12 in the Stamp Student Union from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

An important goal of the fair is to identify competitive juniors and seniors and recruit them for graduate study at Maryland. Participants will have an opportunity to attend enrollment preparatory workshops, engage in an interactive luncheon with currently enrolled

graduate students and meet with university graduate program representatives. See www.admit.umd.edu/gradapp/fair.html for a full event schedule.

Maryland/Georgia Tech Party at the Golf Course

On Thursday, Oct. 11 beginning at 7 p.m., join your friends for an evening of fun and football at the Golf Course. Watch the game on big screen TVs and enjoy a halftime tailgate buffet featuring flame-grilled burgers, SuperTerp 6-foot subs, chili, nachos and more. No reservations; seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis. Special price for faculty/staff: \$5. General Public \$12.50. Private rooms available for up to 125 of your friends. For more information, call (301) 403-4240 or e-mail ccantore@dining.umd.edu.

Award for Faculty Professional Service & Academic Outreach

The New England Resource Center for Higher Education's annual Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Outreach recognizes faculty members who connect their expertise and scholarship to community outreach. Recipients of the award: 1) demonstrate sustained effort in outreach and professional service; 2) utilize innovative and imaginative approaches; 3) have an institutional impact; and 4) can show evidence of external success. A single letter of nomination and the nominee's vitae must be received by Oct. 15.

For more information, contact Marie Troppe, Coordinator of Service-Learning, at (301) 314-5387 or mtroppe@acc-mail.umd.edu, or visit www.umd.edu/CACS.

Distinguished Scholar Teacher Lecture

The second presentation in this year's Distinguished Scholar Teacher Lecture Series will be given by Sara Via from the Department of Biology. She will present "Evolution in Action: From Antibiotic Resistance to the Origin of Species."

The lecture will take place on Thursday, Oct. 11 from 4-5 p.m. in 1410 Physics. For more information, contact Rhonda Malone at (301) 405-2509 or rmalone@deans.umd.edu.

Ceramics Class at ALC

Learn to make functional pottery using the wheel at the Art and Learning Center (0232 Stamp Student Union). The class meets from 7-9pm Tuesdays for 10 weeks beginning Oct. 9. Cost (includes of 25 lbs. of clay): \$125 for students/\$135 faculty and staff/\$145 general.

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